

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

- Property Identification - Government Laboratories (Pl. 1891)  
351 West Wilbeth Road, Akron, Ohio  
Surrounded on three sides by plant owned by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.
- Government Use - Constructed during 1943 as a part of the wartime synthetic rubber program. Operated from 1944 to June 1956 by the University of Akron. Now being placed in standby condition.
- Range of Possible Use - Research work of any kind, subject to alterations for use other than rubber research. Conversion to space for office, storage and related facilities.
- Structures
- | No. of Bldgs. | Use         | Floor Area (Sq.ft.) |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1             | Laboratory  | 16,946              |
|               | Office      | 1,000               |
| 1             | Pilot Plant | 15,015              |
|               | Office      | 1,600               |
| 1             | Shop        | 3,374               |
|               | Office      | 305                 |
| 11            | Storage     | 13,172              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |             | <b>53,412</b>       |
- Type of Construction - Concrete foundation on piles, steel framing, with masonry and cement asbestos walls and roofing.
- Land Data - 5.882 acres of Government-owned land, water treatment pond, tank farm, fence, walk, paving, landscaping and parking lot. Access to parking lot is across Firestone Tire and Rubber Company property by easement agreement.
- Related Personal Property - Office furniture and equipment; laboratory equipment and instruments; processing equipment; durable and portable tools; and miscellaneous supplies. (Copies of inventory available for inspection at the Laboratories and the following offices of GSA:  
Real Property Disposal Division, PBS  
General Services Building, Washington, D.C.  
and Room 575, U. S. Courthouse, 219 So. Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois.)

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Executive Order

September 14, 1956

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Public Law 806, 80th Congress, approved July 26, 1956, transferred the Government laboratories at Akron, Ohio, from control of the National Science Foundation to the General Services Administration for disposal in accordance with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949.

Under the provisions of the Public Law, the Administrator of General Services is required first to offer the laboratories for public sale before seeking to dispose of them by transfer or assignment to any Federal agency. However, the Public Law further provides that before the laboratories are offered to the public for sale, the Administrator of General Services must ascertain what the value of the laboratories would be to Government agencies which would make substantial use thereof.

The laboratories cannot be sold to the public unless it is found, after consultation with the Director of the Budget Bureau, that such sale to the public would be in the best interest of the United States, taking into consideration among other relevant factors the value of the laboratories to any interested agency and the amounts offered by public bidders.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire whether your agency would be able to make substantial use of the property for (1) laboratory research of any kind or (2) any other purpose and, if so, to ascertain from you what the value of the property would be to your agency for such use thereof.

A description of the property is enclosed. Further information may be obtained by communicating with the Real Property Disposal Division, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration, Washington 25, D.C. An early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
F. E. Smith  
Administrator

Enclosure

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